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FOR M-EAGLEBURGER FROM CATTO

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SUBJ: UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD DELEGATION

1. THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS AN ARM OF UNCTAD WHICH MEETS EVERY YEAR. THIS YEAR IT WILL MEET OCTOBER 5-23 HERE IN GENEVA. IN 1974 AND 1975, OUR DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY MY PREDECESSOR FRANK DALE. IN LATE AUGUST MY DCM ASKED IF I WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HEAD THE DELEGATION THIS YEAR. OF COURSE, I SAID YES. THIS DECISION WAS RELAYED TO MISS EDITH BRUCE OF IO, THE APPROPRIATE PERSON, VIA PHONE BY BOB BRUNGART, THE ECONOMIC MINISTER, ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1. SHE RECEIVED THE IDEA "FAVORABLY", ACCORDING TO BRUNGART.

2. SEPTEMBER 23, I WAS TOLD BY A SECOND SECRETARY IN MY MISSION THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY ERNEST PREEG, NOW DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF EB. I CALLED SAM LEWIS TO QUESTION THE DECISION. HE SPOKE WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ, WHO REMAINED ADAMANT THAT HIS MAN SHOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION.

3. MY FEELINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: A) IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE EITHER/OR. MR. PREEG CAN BE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION AND I WILL ASSUREDLY LISTEN TO, LEARN FROM, AND SUPPORT HIM.

B) BUT FOR ME, THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE IS VERY GREAT. THE

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APPEARANCE IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD MORE CONFIDENCE IN

MY PREDECESSOR THAN IN ME. THE CAVALIER WAY IN WHICH I
WAS INFORMED, ALMOST FOUR WEEKS LATER, THAT MY SERVICES
WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED ADDS TO THE BAD IMPRESSION. I FEEL
VERY STRONGLY THAT MY ABILITY TO FUNCTION VIS-A-VIS MY
STAFF IS AT STAKE; I CANNOT OPERATE WITHOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S
SUPPORT.

ACTION REQUESTED: THAT YOU EXPLAIN MY STRONG VIEWS IN THIS
MATTER TO MR. KATZ.CATTO

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